

## ASKS AID FOR CONFEDERATE HEROES' WIDOWS

Daughters of Confederacy Urged to Press Relief Work

Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, chairman of the relief committee, Virginia Division, United Daughters of Confederacy, has issued the following appeal to the various chapters of the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

"Your president, Mrs. A. A. Campbell, has sent her message to the Virginia Division. In it she calls your attention to the relief committee, of which I have the honor to have been again appointed chairman, and as such I now send my words to the chapter and individuals throughout our Commonwealth. The question is so often asked and so improperly answered that I send you officially an explanation of the objects of the relief committee of the Virginia Division. It belongs to no chapter, no city, but it is an organized work of the division. Its object is to relieve as far as possible the wives, mothers, sisters, daughters of Confederate soldiers, the women who have fought the unequal strife, and in their old age cry out to us for comfort. Shall we let this cry fall on deaf ears? No, not while there are five thousand Daughters in Virginia.

"The relief committee is not a Richmond enterprise—it stretches its relief work out to our country women. Every chapter in Virginia is entitled to help as far as we can give it. In Richmond there are five homes for aged women, together with Lee Camp Auxiliary, which for twenty-two years has given aid to Confederate families outside of these homes. It was from this untiring little band of Confederate women (every one of whom is a member of the Richmond Chapter) that I drew my inspiration, and asked that the Virginia Division should take up relief work as a part of their organization. Why not send those in need to the many homes in Richmond? Because many of these old women have their own little homes, but nothing else. Many prefer to live with their own little 'belongings' about them. Even the small amount of \$3 per month we can now give them makes them feel their independence. Wisely have our Daughters, following in the footsteps of their mothers of the old Memorial Association, erected their monuments in every county to their Confederate dead, for it has kept alive the sentiment of our cause and made it possible to have such a glorious organization as the Daughters of the Confederacy. Those who forget their dead have no heart in the care of the old and decrepit.

"Daughters, in a very few years our Confederate women will have ceased from their labor; they will not long need your help. Give that help now, at once. The winter is with us, winter, too, in the hearts of these old women. Let every chapter have an entertainment of some kind and send the proceeds at the earliest date to this relief fund. There is no red tape about the distribution. Send for a record blank, whether you have contributed or not, for you may have pledged to support an old lady in some other home, which pledge it should be your duty to fulfill, but there may be some other old lady that just our little help may make happy. You alone, in your chapter, investigate the case, and being responsible for its worthiness, return the application to me. It will be signed by the associate chairman, Mrs. Samuel W. Williams; then by the president of the division, Mrs. A. A. Campbell; forwarded to the treasurer, Mrs. Samuel W. Riddick, and as soon as the mail can carry the check it goes to the homes of the Confederate women. Daughters, there is no other explanation of the relief fund of the Virginia Division. It is your work adopted at Suffolk, commended at Roanoke, and I am simply the instrument in your hands.

"See to it that you fail not in your duty to the Confederate women who bore the heat and burden of the day."

"Mrs. N. V. RANDOLPH, Chairman Relief Committee, Virginia Division, U. D. C."

## BUSY DAYS FOR OUR VIRGINIA LAWMAKERS

General Assembly Convenes Today In Biennial Session

MANY QUESTIONS TO COME UP

To Equalize Taxes and Redistrict the State

From beginning to end of the session of the General Assembly of 1912 which convenes today at noon in Richmond, the members will work under high pressure. For variety of important subjects which must be considered and decided, for volume of analytic and debate work to be accomplished, for intensity of public interest, this session has not been equaled since that which immediately followed and was coexistent with the Constitutional Convention of 1901-'2. For amount of public business compressed into the short space of sixty days, it has not been surpassed in a generation. Night sessions without number, committee hearings interminable, oratory unrestrained save for lack of time, visits of sovereign citizens and delegations from the home counties and cities await the members.

Following are some of the most important problems to be disposed of:

Equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation.

Rearrangement of the congressional, State senatorial and House of Delegates districts, in accordance with the United States census of 1910.

Renewal of the contract for convict labor at the penitentiary or abolition of the system.

Employment of convicts in lime quarries, on the public roads or on rock piles.

Consideration of a proposition for a referendum of the liquor question by petition.

Proposals of an amendment to the Constitution conferring suffrage on women.

Bills looking to the legalization of primary elections.

Ratification or rejection of the Federal income tax.

Establishment of an institution for the feeble-minded and extension of the probation system for inebriates.

Amendments to the State banking laws.

Perhaps the issue which will take the most people to Richmond, and which will arouse the keenest fighting, will be the redistribution. No rearrangement of the congressional districts so far proposed has met the approval of more than a minority. Naturally, every congressman, every candidate and every prospective lawmaker has an interest in this matter, and local feeling can be easily aroused by the mere mention of new lines to be drawn about districts, and the breaking up of old associations. Hardly less in the public mind will be the redistricting for seats in the Legislature, of which a great deal is to be done.

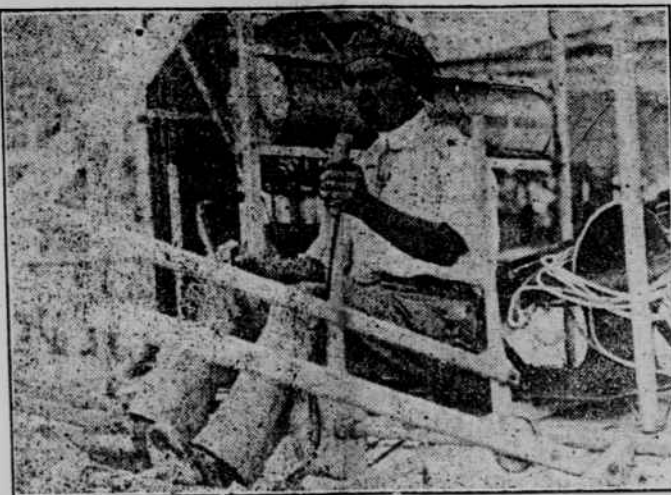
The Anti-Saloon League will, it is presumed, ask for a law permitting the people, by petition, to call an election on the subject of State-wide prohibition. The fight will be in the Senate. It is expected that the State license taxes on the liquor business will again be increased, although not in so large a proportion as at the last session.

The suffrage bill will furnish more or less interest.

Ratification of the proposed Federal income tax, which was approved by the last Senate and rejected by the last House, will again be sought. Its fate is exceedingly doubtful.

But the real work of the session will revolve about the questions of taxation. Agitated more and more of recent years, it is thought the work of the State Tax Commission will indicate to the representatives that some change is necessary, and that a new deal is due. Utter inequalities in what is called a "system" existing in this State, are, it is believed, shown to such an extent as to make it reasonably certain that some new laws on the subject will be passed.

## One Hundred Miles an Hour In an Aeroplane



By WALTER BROOKINS, Aviator

AEROPLANES VERY SOON WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE FROM NINETY TO A HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR, WHERE THEY NOW MAKE FROM FIFTY TO SIXTY MILES. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE LONG VOYAGES OVER SEAS, TO ALIGHT IN THE OCEAN, START AGAIN FROM THE WATER AND "TRIM SAIL" AFLOAT IN THE AIR.

We need aeroplanes that can stay aloft at twenty miles an hour and under, and if we get them in a condition to do that and then can reef in the sail spread after we get up we can send them to ONE HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR on the present engine development. A single aeroplane capable of running at twenty and then at one hundred miles an hour—how would that be for a development? Wouldn't it make the automobile look sick?

The railroad train doesn't haul the load of the steamship. Yet as between steamships and railroads we prefer the latter where speed is requisite. We are now facing a chance to go between fixed points at from SEVENTY-FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR OVER THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE ROUTE, and we must not belittle the aeroplane's capacity.

When we can see these things ahead of us it amazes us.

### Dr. Denny Succeeded on Charities Board by Dr. Hatcher

At a meeting in Richmond Friday the State Board of Charities and Corrections, resolutions of regard for the retiring president, Dr. George H. Denny, were adopted.

Dr. Denny met with the board for the last time, his resignation becoming effective on Jan. 1. He made a short address, expressing his personal friendship and esteem for every member of the board. He said that he was as deeply interested in its work as in that of any institution with which he had ever been connected. As a final message before his departure from the State to take up the presidency of the University of Alabama, Dr. Denny asserted that there is no more important work than that in which the charities board is engaged, that his interests in it would continue and that he would always be at its service.

Resolutions regarding Dr. Denny's departure were offered by Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Cabell and unanimously adopted. His services were commended in the warmest terms, and the State of Alabama was congratulated upon acquiring him. The sympathy and confidence of the people among whom he will live were bespoken for him, and hopes were expressed for as large a measure of success as has crowned his work in Virginia as an educator.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Hatcher of Richmond was elected chairman to succeed Dr. Denny.

### Lee Family Sells Islands

Smith and Myrite Islands, opposite Cape Charles, which tradition marks as one of the retreats of Captain John Smith, after a lapse of 150 years or more, have passed out of the ownership of the famous Lee family of Virginia into the hands of Oliver S. Campbell of New York.

The islands comprise about 4,000 acres and were formerly included in the large estates of General John Custis and General Robert E. Lee. The islands were a part of the grant made to one John Neale about 1636.

An apple eaten before breakfast serves as a natural stimulant to the digestive organs.

### Roanoke Has Meanest Man in the World

The Roanoke Evening News takes exception to the statement that the meanest man in the world was in Lynchburg on Christmas eve—that title having been bestowed by the local papers on the thief who stole the turkeys from the Presbyterian Orphanage in Rivermont. The Evening News says:

"The day before Christmas the report came from Lynchburg that eight turkeys for the Christmas dinner at the Presbyterian Orphanage in that city had been stolen from the institution by the meanest man in Virginia. A few days later a dispatch came to the effect that the thief suffered such pangs of remorse that he returned the turkeys."

"It is distressing to relate, but evidently the meanest man in Virginia was here Christmas eve and he is unlike the Lynchburg man, inasmuch as he has not suffered remorse. The proprietor of one of the largest saloons in the city said that he had taken a pride in having the Salvation Army Christmas Box in his place make a good showing and that contributions this year had been larger than ever. The box was well filled and contained a goodly sum of money. During the rush Christmas eve the meanest man in Virginia stole the box and contents. He has not been heard from."

There will be four eclipses during this year, 1912, two of the sun and two of the moon, as follows: A partial eclipse of the moon on Tuesday, April 1st. It will be invisible in the United States. A central and total one of the sun on Wednesday, April 17th, the sun rising more or less eclipsed throughout a majority of the Southern Middle States. The next succeeding eclipse of the series to which this one belongs will be on April 13th, in the year 1930. A third will be an eclipse of the moon on Thursday September 26th, which will be visible throughout the United States. The fourth and last will be a total eclipse of the sun on Thursday, October 10th, which will be visible in the Southwestern portion of the United States.

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## RICHESON ADMITS HE KILLED SWEETHEART

Under the Lashings of Remorse He Makes Confession

HOPES TO REDEEM HIS PAST

Confession Given to Press Through Prisoner's Attorneys

A dispatch from Boston, Mass., under date of January 6, 1912, says:

The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson has confessed that he killed Miss Avis Linnell, the Hyannis choir singer, for whose murder he was to have been placed on trial here on January 15th.

News of the confession was first made public this afternoon, but the confession itself was made by Richeson to his attorneys on January 3d in the cell which the former pastor occupied in Charles street jail.

The confession was made public by Richeson's counsel shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Richeson admits his full guilt of the charge made against him in the indictment—that he killed Miss Linnell by giving her cyanide of potassium—and says that he makes a clean breast of the affair in the hope "that God, who knows all, will protect me."

The confession follows:

"Boston, Mass., Jan. 3, 1912.

"John L. Lee, Esq., William A. Morse, Esq., Philip R. Dunbar, Esq.:

"Gentlemen.—Deeply penitent for my sin and honestly desiring as far as in my power lies to make atonement, I hereby confess that I am guilty of the offense of which I stand indicted.

"I am moved to this course by no inducement of self-benefit or leniency.

"Heinous as is my crime, God has not wholly abandoned me, and my conscience and manhood, however depraved and blighted, will not admit of my still further wounding by a public trial her whose pure young life I have destroyed.

"Under the lashings of remorse I have suffered and am suffering the tortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort.

"In my mental anguish I recognize that there is still in the mercy of the Master some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering with me.

"I could wish to live only because within some prison's walls I might in some small measure redeem my sinful past, help some other despairing soul, and at last find favor with my God.

"You are instructed to deliver this to the district attorney or to the judge of the court.

"Sincerely yours,  
"CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON."

### Staunton Retains General Manager

Staunton's unique plan for municipal government, which caused much interest, has again been brought to the attention of the public through the election on Saturday at a joint meeting of both bodies of the City Council of Samuel D. Holsinger to the office of city manager. Mr. Holsinger's election came as a complete surprise, the meeting having been called to either reject or accept a report of a special committee on the nomination of Senator J. I. Audson of Portsmouth, Ohio, but formerly of Staunton, who was a candidate for the office.

Mr. Holsinger is a very capable man, and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office, having been clerk to C. E. Ashburner the first city manager, who resigned last spring. The office has been vacant since Ashburner's resignation, the city authorities being in doubt as to the man needed and as to the advisability of continuing the office.

The practice of tarring roads has been found to destroy trout fishing in some parts of England, tar washed into the streams by rain killing the fish.

Did you ever see a woman who was capable of sawing wood and saying nothing?

## AGRICULTURAL TRAIN TO RUN TO LEXINGTON

Will Operate Over Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, co-operating with the Department of Agriculture and Immigration of Virginia, will operate an agricultural educational train over its Shenandoah Division, from Wadesville to Lexington, for five days, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. The subjects of the lecture, which will be delivered by experts under the direction of Prof. G. W. Koiner, commissioner of agriculture and immigration, have been selected with a view to increasing the yield of farm products and advancing the prosperity of the farming communities through which the train will travel. Addresses will include discussions on improving soil, increasing the yield per acre of corn, alfalfa growing, fruit culture and poultry husbandry.

The special train which will propagate the doctrine of scientific, or latter day, farming, will be composed of first-class coaches placed at the disposal of the Department of Agriculture and Immigration for lecture purposes. The schedule arranged allows ample time at each stop for a general discussion of farming, in order that the farmers may have the benefit of the advice and suggestions of the experts in charge. An educational train was operated over Baltimore and Ohio lines last spring, with the result that a marked improvement has been noted both in the increased yields of the farm as well as the prosperity of the communities.

George H. Campbell, assistant to the president of the Baltimore and Ohio, and W. W. Wood, general industrial agent, will represent the railroad on the train. These officers accompanied the educational train last spring, expressing satisfaction at the interest of the farmers as shown by the large attendance at the lectures.

The following schedule has been arranged:

Tuesday, January 16th, Wadesville, 9:00 to 12:00 a. m.; Middletown, 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Wednesday, January 17th, Harrisonburg, 9:00 to 12:00 a. m.; Pleasant Valley, 12:30 to 5:00 p. m.

Thursday, January 18th, Cave Station (Weyer's Cave), 9:00 to 12:00 a. m.; Fort Defiance, 12:30 to 5:00 p. m.

Friday, January 19th, Greenville, 9:00 to 12:00 a. m.; Spottswood, 12:30 to 5:00 p. m.

Saturday, January 20th, Timber Ridge, 9:00 to 12:00 a. m.; Lexington, 12:30 to 5:00 p. m.

### Girls Get the Marriage Licenses

A Philadelphia report a few days ago tells the following interesting story:

Taking advantage of leap year, two well-dressed young women presented themselves at the Marriage License Bureau in City Hall this afternoon and asked for marriage licenses. They said they intended marrying brothers tomorrow.

They gave their names as Rose Miller of 712 Hoffman street, and Mary Harris of 413 Mercy street. The bridegrooms-to-be, who live in Hudson Heights, N. J., are Joseph and Harry Jung, 29 and 27 years old.

"Why didn't the boys come for the marriage license?" asked the clerk.

"Don't you know that this is leap year?" replied the girls. "We love the boys and thought we would come here quietly and get the licenses and be married without our parents knowing anything about it."

Miss Miller first met Joseph Jung last summer when he rescued her from a crowd in Atlantic City.

The judge of the Corporation Court of Staunton has notified all the liquor men that they will revoke their licenses if they do not at once stop the practice of sending runners or drummers to wagon yards, trains and other places to drum up trade.

If there was a duty on fads fewer would be imported.